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MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Coordination of Intelligence Activities

1. This memorandum is to recapitulate an especially important set of projects completed by the Central Planning Staff before its disbandment on 20 July 1946. Information contained herein should be very useful to the new Interdepartmental Coordinating and Planning Staff.

2. The complete framework of a system of interdepartmental intelligence coordination is contained in the following studies, which have been submitted to the Director during the past few weeks:

a. National Essential Elements of Information.

This study consists of proposed N.I.A. and C.I.G. actions submitted by the Planning Staff under Disposition Form of 13 June, subject: "The Direction, Coordination and Supervision of the Operations which Produce Intelligence Related to the National Security".

b. Coordination of Collection of Intelligence Information.

This subject is covered by studies as follows:

(1) Collection Coordination Board.

The proposed N.I.A. and C.I.G. actions relating to the overall coordination of collection were forwarded under Disposition Form of 17 June, subject: "Program for Assuring the Direction, Coordination and Supervision of the Operations which Produce Intelligence Related to the National Security, Part II - The Collection of Foreign Intelligence Information"

(2) Scientific Collection Committee.

The proposed C.I.G. action to establish a Committee for the Coordination of the Collection of Scientific Intelligence Information was forwarded under Disposition Form of 19 July, subject: "Program for Assuring the Direction, Coordination and Supervision of the Operations which Produce Intelligence Related to the National Security, Part II-A - Inter-Agency Committee for the Coordination of the Collection of Scientific Intelligence Information".

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(3) Committees for Coordinating Collection of Information in the fields of Military Intelligence, Political Intelligence, Economic Intelligence and Geographical Intelligence.

Action to initiate the creation of these committees is contained in Central Planning Staff Planning Directive No. 49, dated 19 July.

c. Coordination of Intelligence Research.

This subject is covered by studies as follows:

(1) Intelligence Research Coordination Board.

Proposed N.I.A. and C.I.G. actions relating to the overall coordination of intelligence research were forwarded under Disposition Form of 20 June, subject: "Program for Assuring the Direction, Coordination and Supervision of the Operations which Produce Intelligence Related to the National Security, Part III: Provision for the Direction, Coordination and Supervision of Foreign Intelligence Research."

(2) Committee for the Coordination of Scientific Intelligence Research.

The proposed C.I.G. action to establish a Committee for the Coordination of Scientific Intelligence Research was forwarded under Disposition Form of 19 July, subject: "Program for Assuring the Direction, Coordination and Supervision of the Operations which Produce Intelligence Related to the National Security, Part III-A: Inter-Agency Committee for the Coordination of Scientific Intelligence Research".

(3) Committees for Coordination of Collection of Intelligence Information in the fields of Military Intelligence Information, Political Intelligence Information, Economic Intelligence Information and Geographical Intelligence Information.

Action to initiate the creation of these committees is contained in Central Planning Staff Planning Directive No. 50, dated 19 July.

d. Coordination of Counterintelligence and Security Activities.

Proposed N.I.A. action to establish a program of coordinating counterintelligence activities was submitted to the Director by Disposition Form of 8 July, subject: "Program for the Central Direction, Coordination and Supervision of Counterintelligence Activities and Procedures Relating to the National Security".

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3. Action recommended:

It is recommended that this recapitulation be referred to the Chief of the Interdepartmental Coordinating and Planning Staff for his information and guidance.

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